

# GULF COAST BREEZE.

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## EDITORIAL

Georgia's convicted Lord, Beresford, has gone to Alaska to dig gold.

Tom Watson, thoroughly disgusted with politics, has formally retired from the political arena.

The gold craze in Alaska is going to bring forth many a swindling scheme to catch the unwary. Look out for mining stock swindlers.

Negroes are being colonized in Hawaii to work the rice and sugar plantations in the place of Chinese laborers, who are being excluded.

The Spanish soldiers seem to be losing confidence in the Spanish government. Some of the battalions now refuse to accept its paper currency and demand their pay in gold.

The striking miners in Pennsylvania are marching from mine to mine, devoting all their talents and power to trying to get all the other miners to quit work.

If all the banks were piled head high with silver dollars it would still take good security to get them out and the fellow who sits on goods boxes whittling and croaking hard times could never raise a dollar.

Senor Canovas del Castillo, premier of Spain, was assassinated Sunday by an anarchist giving his name as Rinaldo. Three shots were fired into the body of the premier in the presence of his wife.

The shining silver dollars that he had to handle at the Treasury department in Washington was too great a temptation for Thomas Martin, a colored employee, and now he is locked up for pilfering 28 of them the other day. Such temptations should not be put in the way of the colored brother.

Willie Lockwood, a Jersey city boy, contested for a prize of a dish of ice cream offered by a foolish confectioner to the boy who could hold his arm longest in an ice cream freezer, held his arm in the freezing liquid five minutes, and won the prize, but lost his arm. It was frozen stiff and had to be cut off.

Mrs. Lease is to be a "kind of Queen of the May" in a Topeka festival and is to wear a \$20,000 crown. Mr. Lease ought to be proud of that woman, even if he can't play the prince consort. Appalacheicola Times. Yes Mary Ellen is a safe treasure and Mr. Lease has as much to feel proud of as a man with a wart on his nose and a corn on each toe.

George Eugene Bryson, has succeeded in having himself expelled from the Island of Cuba by order of General Weyler. Now George can come home, pose as a martyr, and pelt the Spanish general with paper squibs to his heart's content. It takes a tougher case than Weyler to beat off George.

## THE ICONOCLAST ON JULIAN.

Julian Hawthorne, whose "paw" wrote some dreary novels that everybody praises and nobody reads, has reached the conclusion that miscegenation is the proper solution of the race problem—that the whites should marry the blacks and fade 'em out legitimately instead of by the popular Republican formula. Well, there's no law against miscegenation in New York, and if Julian would like to wed a coal-black 200-pound wench this hot weather I can send him one C. O. D. If he has any sisters, cousins or aunts who are heart-hungry for black husbands, let them forward their photos. I'll paste 'em up in Coon Alley, and perchance they'll catch the fancy of bucks who can be warranted good breeders. Of course Mr. Hawthorne would not advise others to do that which he would object in his own family. And seriously, a man who will make such a suggestion doesn't deserve to die a respectable death. He ought to be bit by a blue-gum nigger, clawed by a buzzard, kicked by a blind jack-ass and buried face down in a pile of compost. When a Caucasian would defile his own race by injecting into it the blood of the Ethiop it were an insult to every dog in Christendom to call him a mangy cur.

## BLENDING THE BLUE AND GRAY.

Pickett's division of ex-Confederate soldiers have been cordially invited to attend a Grand Army reunion in Philadelphia on September 17th and 18th. Mayor Warwick of Philadelphia, referring to the invitation in an address said that it was not a question of victor meeting foe, but brother clasping the hand of brother over the chasm, which was gradually growing dimmer, and which would eventually fade away beneath the increasing glory of one flag, which now the whole country honored. He was sure that Pickett's men would receive a glorious welcome there and he would do his utmost to see they got there.

Abe Lincoln was one of America's truest patriots and wisest statesmen and yet few indeed are the children named for him. He was a friend to the colored race, and it was his proclamation that burst asunder the shackles of slavery, yet not a negro have we ever met named Abe Lincoln. Washington, Monroe, Jefferson, Jackson, and other presidential names are plentiful among the negroes and occasionally a Jeff Davis or Alex Stephens bobs up, but nary Lincoln that we have ever heard of.

The hot weather was intensified in Appalacheicola last week by a town election. For Mayor J. F. O. Griggs; Tax Assessor, W. F. Eldridge, and Clerk and Treasurer, G. W. Hiney, were elected without opposition, but for other offices the contest was hot. Out of four candidates for marshal, L. W. Hall won. W. E. Montgomery beat W. H. Neel and J. J. Gannon for Tax Collector. The Councilmen elected are Jos. Daly, W. Sheppard, James Montgomery and Mehry Hutchinson.

A tunnel is being cut through the mountain under Pike's peak. It will be 30 miles long, and seven years will be required to complete the work.

## THE McNEILL-HANKINS FIGHT.

A private letter from Tampa gives us the following particulars regarding the difficulty there last week that resulted in the death of Gilp Hankins.

The McNeill brothers, James C. and Lee J., were on their way home about 10 o'clock Wednesday night, when they were intercepted by the Hankins brothers, Gilp and Marter, near the drinking and gaming place kept by Marter Hankins.

Gilp Hankins, stepping in front of James McNeill, on the sidewalk, said: "I've been laying for you, now I will settle with you," or words to that effect.

There had been a difficulty between the two about two years before, but it was settled, and McNeill had forgotten all about it, and thought Gilp was joking, until he felt a blow that assured him that Gilp was on the warpath.

A fight ensued. Marter Hankins, who is a powerful man, physically, joined his brother and struck James McNeill a stunning blow on the back of the head.

Then Lee McNeill, who is a cripple, having lost one hand in a saw mill, also joined in the fight.

There was a flash of knives and pistols, and in a few seconds the fight was over.

Gilp Hankins died next day of his wounds.

Two hours later the McNeill brothers went to an officer and gave themselves up.

At the preliminary hearing the next day it developed that the fatal wounds were inflicted by pistol shots. Lee McNeill, having used a pistol, was committed without bail.

James C. McNeill, who had no pistol, was released on bond.

All of the parties have families, and the affair is much deplored.

The Hankins brothers were originally from Middle Florida. Their father, Hon. William Hankins, was a noble true and good man. He represented at different times, Madison, Lafayette, and Suwanee counties in the Legislature and while under his control, Marter and Gilp were extra good boys. Their older brother, Hon. W. D. Hankins, of Lafayette county followed in the footsteps of their honored father but Marter and Gilp engaged in the liquor saloon business, and followed the course of the average man in that business. For the past ten years or more they have enjoyed the reputation of being violent and dangerous men.

The McNeill brothers are originally from Sumter county Georgia.

James C. McNeill is an architect, and is sole proprietor of the Tampa, Plaining Mills and Novelty Works. For several years he was identified with the city government of Tampa as President of the Council and Mayor pro tem.

Lee McNeill assisted his brother at his Mills, until disabled by the loss of a hand in the machinery. Since then he has been in the employ of the city as manager of the city cemetery.

Between Lee and the Hankins brothers there had been no previous trouble, it seems.

He says that he fired in defense of his brother, who is a small man, and was far over matched in size and muscular strength by either of his assailants. Both of whom were large muscular men. Two of his shots were fired at Marter. He has employed McFarlane & Sumner in as counsel, and feels confident that an impartial trial will vindicate his unfortunate part in the sad drama.

Mr. Galbreath set a gun at Eldora last week to kill a bear that was robbing his bee hives. His son Frank, riding down from New Smyrna on a bicycle, sprung the gun and was killed a few minutes after it was set.

## STATE NEWS.

Three British sailors deserted their ship, the Pohona, last week and skipped out to Tallahassee.

The aged wife of ex governor Harrison Reed, died last week and was buried Saturday at Jacksonville.

Cedar Keys is now using marsh mud instead of shells for hashing her conds. It is said to be better than shell.

Four steamboats, including those now in course of construction, have been built at Palatka during the past four months.

Constantine Algero, of Tallahassee lost his barn by fire last week. He thinks the fire was applied by an incendiary.

The Appalacheicola Lumber Company is the name of a new steam milling enterprise just started up in our sister city on the Gulf.

Two prisoners secreted themselves in the of hall the Taveres jail last week and jumping on the jailer when he came in they locked him up and turned out another prisoner and escaped.

The capsized schooner, Lily White, has been seen floating far out in the Gulf, with her copper lined bottom turned up to the sun, but has not been recovered yet.

Dr. Langford and Mr. Hendry have given up the ill fated Lily White as lost and have purchased the Wave, a larger and safer schooner, for carrying on their cattle trade.

A dispute over a land line between two old citizens of Hillsboro county, Tom Brady and R. L. Watson, resulted last week in Brady being filled with buckshot, and Watson going to jail.

Mr. George A. Demeritt, of Key West while exhibiting the working of his new Marlin rifle, accidentally discharged it, and his daughter sitting near by, narrowly escaped being shot through the head.

Jasper has voted to bore an artesian well for money to bore an artesian well. If there is anything that would justify burdening a town with bonds it is an artesian well. Pure water is the greatest blessings that a town can enjoy.

The house of Henry Green of Wildwood was struck by lightning one day last week. A dog sitting near Mrs. Green was killed and she was thought to be dead, but constant applications of cold water brought her around all right.

The Florida ship canal is prominent before the people again. The new company recently organized claim to have the money and the determination to push the project through this time. St. Augustine, on the Atlantic, and Cedar Keys, on the Gulf, are to be the heads of navigations.

Nine hundred and seventy one thousand, eight hundred and forty dollars and twenty nine cents is reported on deposit in the banks of Pensacola, and plenty of surplus cash to loan at a low per cent interest. All that a fellow needs to borrow money is collateral to put up as security.

Gustave Romberg, a member of the First Artillery band, stationed at St. Augustine, was drowned last Sunday week, while bathing in the surf. He swam out over his depth and got frightened, called for help, and Robert Wyllie, another member of the band, went to him. Romberg had so completely lost his head that he grasped Wyllie around the neck and carried him under the water, but by hard fighting Wyllie got loose and saved himself while the unfortunate Romberg went to the bottom.

## LYNCH LAW.

Speaking of the evils of lynch law Judge Charles E. Phelps, of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, aptly says:

"Wherever it is permitted to prevail and however intense may be the provocation, lynch law is, in plain terms, treason to self government. It is conscious reversion to barbarism. The community which tolerates shows that fundamental weakness character, want of self control, and inability to resist a blind animal impulse indicative of a certain degree of unfitness for the rational enjoyment of civil liberty. To turn and trample upon your own laws, outrage your own court and abuse your own officers—that is lynch law. Worse than that, you take the blackest-hearted and most fiendish of criminals, and in your thoughtless rage you elevate him to the dignity of a victim, identify his cause with the cause of law and order, and link his fate with that of justice itself.

## Legal Advertisements.

## Financial - Statement.

Of the Board of Public Instruction of Wakulla County.

July 1, 1897.		RECEIPTS.
July 1st	To Bal. in hand	\$1,704.48
" 6th	For R. B. Council, Col. Rev.	247.44
" 10th	State Compt. acct. taxes	100.35
" 30th	Treas. on act. tax sales	3.29
		2,055.56
		DISBURSEMENTS.
" "	Miss Mamie Farley	No.
" "	Teachers salary	500 15.50
" "	J. W. White 1 day on board	50 2.50
" "	T. T. Rudd 1 day on board	50 2.50
" "	Geo. C. Floyd 1 day on board	50 2.50
" "	S. M. Revels 1 month salary as Supt.	50 20.00
		\$ 51.00
Bal.		2,003.88
		2,055.56

We certify that the above report is true and correct in every particular. Attest:  
S. M. Revels, J. W. White,  
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst. Chairman.

## STATEMENT.

Made under Sec. 34, chapter 4322, laws of Florida, showing the amount charged to the Tax Collector of Wakulla county Florida, to be collected for the current year, 1896, and the apportionment of the same to the several funds for which such taxes were levied, including poll tax with county school fund.

Total amount charged,	\$5,972.04
Col. and pd. to Treas. to Aug. 2 1897,	5,445.13
	526.90
APPORTIONMENT.	
County proper tax,	2,304.32
Col. and pd. to Treas. to July 6 1897,	2,161.40
	142.92
County School Tax	2,077.82
Col. and pd. to Treas. to Aug. 2 1897,	2,035.32
	42.50
Judgement tax,	20.48
Col. and pd. to Treas. to Aug. 3 1897,	216.14
	14.34
Fine and forfeiture tax,	400.96
Col. and pd. to Treas. to Aug. 2 1897,	432.27
	28.69
Attest: J. J. Harrell,	
Aug. 2nd, 1897.	Clerk Circuit Court.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days from the date hereof, I will apply to S. J. Giles, county judge of Wakulla county, for an order to sell a portion of land belonging to Waldence S. Smith, a minor heir of the late George R. Smith, of said county deceased; 40 acres across the North end of lot 93, also 60 acres in the Northeast corner of lot 64, Hartfield survey. July 16th, 1897.

L. D. S. Moore, Guardian.  
Remember that subscriptions are payable in advance. If you cannot pay a whole dollar, try a quarter's worth.